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Application of :
Takashi NIWA et al. :
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For: NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL PROBE :
AND MANUFACTURING METHOD :
FOR SAME, AND NEAR-FIELD :
OPTICAL APPARATUS USING :
THE NEAR-FIELD PROBE : Docket No. S004-4168

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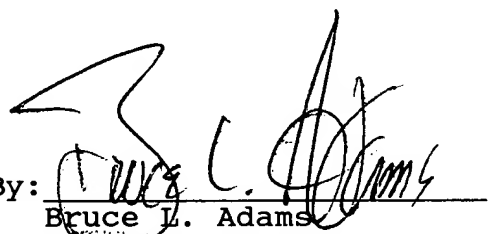
filing of the declaration. Also submitted is a copy of the PTO Notice. Should the check prove insufficient for any reason, authorization is hereby given to charge any such deficiency to Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

It is respectfully requested that the processing of the application be completed, and that the filing receipt be issued in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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